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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to take action in response to the Office Action Summary mailed June 8, 2000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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